

Students build home for Orang Asli family

MORE than 40 students and staff of UCSI University under its CAREton Project came together with volunteers from Sime Darby to build a house for an Orang Asli family in Kampung Orang Asli Serendah, Hulu Selangor.

The project from Sept 23 to 25 is a flagship event under the CAREton Project @ UCSI University initiative, which supports the main CAREton Project, a carton recycling campaign organised by Tetra Pak and supported by Nestlé to promote the collection of used beverage cartons for recycling into building materials.

These materials are then donated to non-governmental organisation Epic Homes to construct homes for Orang Asli families in need.

The project is championed by the university's Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Present at the key handover ceremony recently was Deputy Education Minister Datuk P. Kamalanathan.

In his speech, Kamalanathan commended the university's commitment to foster civic-minded learning experience

among students.

"We need to encourage growth in terms of their leadership skills, ethical and civic responsibilities, as well as instil volunteerism, and inspire positive activism. And I am happy to note that UCSI University is doing just that.

"I hope that all of you will continue to do what you are doing here today, and expand it throughout the country."

The university's collaboration was initiated by Assoc Prof Dr Crystale Lim Siew Ying, a lecturer of the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

The CAREton Project is also now a Student Enrichment Programme, where UCSI University Trust Scholarship students can choose to volunteer for it as part of their community engagement work.

The event was also attended by UCSI University's vice-chancellor and president Datuk Dr Khalid Yusoff and the faculty's dean Assoc Prof Dr Bimo Ario Tejo.

The initiative was supported by Sime Darby Holdings Berhad, Proguard Technologies, Ford Malaysia, Yayasan



Students working on planks of wood to build a house.